



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dale J Schmidt Sheriff **Scott Smith** Chief Deputy

Law of the Month

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The Dodge County Sheriff's Office would like to remind all motorists to have their headlights on when required.

Operating a vehicle in violation of this law is \$162.70 for the first offense. Second offense carries a fine of \$175.30. Three demerit points for each violation.

Wisconsin State Statute: 347.06--When lighted lamps required.

(1) No person may operate a vehicle upon a highway during hours of darkness unless all headlamps, tail lamps and clearance lamps with which such vehicle is required to be equipped are lighted.

"Hours of darkness" means the period of time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise and all other times when there is not sufficient natural light to render clearly visible any person or vehicle upon a highway at a distance of 500 feet.

Captain Trace Frost of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office asks that all motorists obey this law. "While driving in snow, rain, fog or other inclement weather, please turn your headlights on. It's not only a good idea, but it's the law to have your headlights on during inclement weather when you can't clearly see a distance of 500 feet. This makes you more visible to other vehicles on the roadways."